

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above amendments and reconsideration of the claims. Claims 1, 3, and 6 have been amended. Claims 4-5, 9, and 12-14 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 22 and 23 are newly presented. Applicant notes that form PTOL-326 of the present Office Action indicates claims 1-21 are pending. Claims 10 and 13-15 were cancelled in the preliminary amendment filed on October 30, 2007. After entry of the amendment, claims 1-3, 6, 8, 11, and 22-23 are pending. Applicant submits the amendments are supported by the application as filed and do not introduce any new matter.

Restriction Requirement

The Office Action alleges restriction to one of Groups I-V is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.499. Applicant elects Group III (claims 6-12, drawn to a method for molding a PET bottle) with traverse. Claims 7, 10, and 12 of Group III have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant submits the elected group encompasses at least claims 6, 8-9, 11, and 23.

Further, Applicant submits claims 1-3, 6, 8, 11, and 22-23 as amended are linked by the same or corresponding special technical feature that forms a single inventive concept. One special technical feature that unifies the subject matter of these claims is that the ends of the cut-off portion of the PET bottle having a handle formed on a body are bonded to each other by insert injection with the insert injection mold. The publication cited in the Office Action does not provide any evidence that supports lack of unity of the claims as amended and/or demonstrate that the claims as amended are not linked by the asserted special technical feature.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits claims 1-3, 6, 8, 11, and 22-23 should be searched and examined together since the claims are linked by a special technical feature that forms a single inventive concept.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicant's primary attorney-of record, Brian H. Batzli (Reg. No. 32,960), at (612) 336-4755.



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